

REMARKS

Upon entering the above amendments to the claims, claims 1-11, 14 and 19-24 will be pending in this application and are presented for examination. Claims 12-13, 15-18 and 25-36 are now canceled by Applicants. Claims 3-11, 14, 19-20 and 23 have been amended.

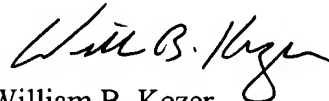
The amendments to the claims have been made to correct issues of dependency. Applicants believe no new matter is present in this or any other portion of the present amendment.

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing, Applicants respectfully request substantive review on the merits.

If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this application, please telephone the undersigned at 925-472-5000.

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